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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action mailed February 14, 2002 in the above-identified application. A petition to enlarge the shortened statutory period for response accompanies this paper with the requisite fee.

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the amendments and comments submitted below.

AMENDMENT

Please amend this application in accordance with the following particulars:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please substitute the original Abstract with the revised Abstract shown on a separate clean page appended hereto. A marked-up version of the Abstract is also appended hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the appended SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION for the original written description. The SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION is submitted to facilitate and expedite continued examination of this application by incorporating all of the proposed amendments into a clean text. It is respectfully submitted that, due to the numerous